

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 8, lines 25-27 as follows:

As shown in Fig. 1, an encoder 1 comprises a fixing bracket 2, a plate spring 3, a rotary member 4, a sliding member 5, a support member 6, and an electrode substrate 7 (shown in Figs. 4 and 5).

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 11, lines 3-15 as follows:

The spring plate 3 is positioned and mounted on the ~~an~~ inner surface of the cover portion 21 of the fixing bracket 2 with the positioning projections 22 of the fixing bracket 2 fitted into the recesses 32a. Then, the retaining projections 23 of the fixing bracket 2 are elastically fitted into four retaining recesses 63 formed in the outer peripheral surface of the flange portion 61 of the support portion 6. Subsequently, the retaining projections 23 are folded back. Thus, the fixing bracket 2, the plate spring 3, the rotary member 4, the sliding member 5, the electrode substrate 7 and the support member 6 are assembled into the encoder 1.